

Name of Announcement	Agency/ component	High Priority?	Current Status/ Next step	Final action/ expected date	Mandatory or discretionary?	Brief Description
<b>April</b>						
Environmental Justice Interagency Work Group Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX	EPA R6		<b>April 19, 2012</b>	<b>April 19, 2012</b>	Discretionary	A meeting is scheduled for EPA and IWG work group members to hear comments from stakeholders on environmental justice issues in the region. Concerns include proposals for a petroleum coke fired power plant and increased dock tonnage and moving the Harbor Bridge closer to fence-line low income EJ communities. EPA is expected to answer questions regarding its oversight role in ensuring air quality and monitoring petroleum coke dust, diesel emissions, and flaring and upset problems in the area.
BASF Ethylene Cracker GHG PSD Permit	EPA R6		<b>April 27, 2012</b> - Propose Draft Permit <b>May 2011</b> - Application Received	<b>July 30, 2012</b> Finalize and issue permit	Mandatory: EPA is the permitting authority	On or before April 20, EPA is proposing the third greenhouse gas (GHG) Prevention of Serious Deterioration (PSD) permit in the State of Texas for the BASF Ethylene Cracker facility in Port Arthur, Texas. BASF proposes to expand the plant and increase the production capacity with the construction of an additional cracker furnace next to nine existing cracker furnaces. EPA is the greenhouse gas permitting authority in Texas, following the Federal Implementation Plan the agency issued to ensure that industries in Texas can continue to seek and obtain the valid greenhouse gas permits they need to build new facilities or expand existing ones.
			April 27, 2012			Joint Announcement by EPA Region 6, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and Public Service of Oklahoma/American Electric Power on an agreement with the company and the State to phase in the shut down of two coal fired electric generating units at the PSO Northeastern Plant in lieu of installing Dry flue gas scrubbers which are currently required by EPA's 12/28/2012 Federal Implementation Plan.
Proposed Action on State of Arkansas 2010 Clean Water Act 303 (d) List	EPA R6		<b>April 30, 2012</b>	<b>April 30, 2012</b>	Mandatory	On Monday, April 30, EPA will be proposing to partially approve and disapprove Arkansas' submission for their 2010 § 303(d) List. Arkansas' Department of Environmental Quality submitted its proposed 2010 § 303(d) list on April 2, 2010; however, it did not compile and evaluate all readily available data, including 77,000 observations made by USGS. EPA is proposing a complete list of the state of Arkansas' impaired water bodies by adding over 300 listings of impaired water bodies and removing 100 listings of water bodies that do not meet the applicable criteria. This and other issues led EPA staff to recommend a partial approval/partial disapproval of the list submitted by the state. The state and some regulated communities will object to the proposed listing notably the cities of Rogers and Springdale. Oklahoma, is concerned that Arkansas did not include waters related to phosphorus loading, and environmental organizations.
State Marine of Port Arthur TX Superfund site review	EPA R6		<b>April 30, 2012</b>	<b>April 30, 2012</b>		Five year review report due, evaluating the effectiveness of the remedy in place at this former barge cleaning facility.
Delegate NPDES program to Oklahoma Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Forestry (ODAFF)	EPA R6		<b>April 30, 2012</b> Propose authorization -Currently awaiting formal submittal official program submittal	<b>April 30, 2012</b> Propose authorization -Currently awaiting formal submittal official program submittal		Anticipate submittal for NPDES Program to Oklahoma Dept of Agriculture, Food & Forestry (ODAFF) to EPA. Authorized Agriculture-related NPDES program to ODAFF; Expecting official program submittal from ODAFF in April 2012 with final authorization of program to ODAFF NLT May 2012.

Final Ozone Designation	OAR	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>April 30, 2012</b> Take final action on designation of nonattainment <b>December 2011</b> - EPA proposes non attainment for Houston, TX, area (proposed addition of Matagorda County), the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW), Texas, area (proposed addition of Hood and Wise Counties), and the Memphis, Tennessee, area (proposed nonattainment designations for Crittenden County, Arkansas, and a portion of DeSoto County, Mississippi).	<b>April 30, 2012</b> Take final action on designation of nonattainment		(Predecisional) EPA plans to take action on designations by April 30, 2012. This will be a national action by the Administrator. This action follows up on the 120 day letters sent to the Governors in December 2011. Four areas will be addressed in Region 6 as nonattainment. Crittenden County in Arkansas, the Houston area and the Dallas Fort Worth area in Texas and the Baton Rouge area in Louisiana. <div></div>
<b>May</b>						
Texas New Source Review Reform (final)	EPA R6	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>May 15, 2012</b> - EPA plans to propose approval or disapproval of Texas' NSR Reform <b>July 2010</b> - EPA disapproved elements of Texas' NSR SIP	<b>July 15, 2012</b> EPA plans to take final action on elements of Texas NSR SIP submittals		On May 15, 2012, EPA plans to propose action on Texas' NSR SIP. Once we take this action, it will be a parallel proposal because the State is currently taking comments on their proposed changes to their NSR program as well. EPA is working with the State to address elements of their NSR program after we disapproved revisions of their SIP in 2010. Whether we propose approval or disapproval will depend on the State's final revisions. EPA is working with TCEQ to parallel process a SIP action as they make additional changes to their NSR reform regulations.

New Mexico Regional Haze and Visibility Transport SIP	EPA R6	High Priority	<p><b>May 16, 2012</b> - EPA is under consent decree to propose. We are discussing internally requesting an extension</p> <p><b>August 2011</b> - EPA proposed a FIP establishing the BART for San Juan Generating Station. The remaining power plants in NM under state jurisdiction (does not include Four Corners) were not impacted by the FIP.</p> <p><b>December 2010</b> - State did not submit approvable SIP by a consent decree deadline EPA had with WildEarth Guardians.</p>	<b>June 2012</b> Under consent decree to take final action on State Haze SIP	Mandatory: EPA is under consent decree	On May 16, pursuant to a consent decree deadline, EPA will propose action on the remaining elements of the New Mexico Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) and to take a final action by June 15, 2012. EPA received a 30 day extension on the proposal on April 16, 2012. The final action date was kept at June 15, 2012. EPA expects to propose a partial approval/partial disapproval and expects considerable interest in this proposed action. However, EPA is currently internally discussing requesting an extension on our proposal date. EPA took final action on portions of the Regional Haze and Visibility Transport SIP, as well as established a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for the San Juan Generating Station in August 2011. Senator Bingaman's office has had several inquiries related to the BART determination, including the difference in implementation timeline from the Region 9 Four Corners Plant action.
ETC Texas Pipeline GHG PSD Permit, Jackson County, TX	EPA R6		<p><b>May 31, 2012</b> Finalize and issue permit</p> <p><b>March 2012</b> EPA proposed Draft Permit</p> <p><b>August 2011</b> - Permit received October 2011 - EPA determined application was complete</p>	<b>May 31, 2012</b> Finalize and issue permit	Mandatory: EPA is the permitting authority	On March 21, 2012, EPA proposed a Greenhouse Gas and PSD Permit for the ETC Texas Pipeline LTD Jackson County, Texas gas plant. The public comment period is a December 1, 2010 final rule, EPA found that PSD permitting regulations in 13 states -- including Texas -- do not meet Clean Air Act requirements because their programs currently do not cover GHG emissions. EPA also issued a "SIP call," which requires these states to revise their programs to ensure that their PSD programs cover GHG emissions. This rule also established the dates these 13 states have selected for submitting their revised permitting plans to EPA, which range from December 22, 2010 to December 1, 2011. The state of Texas did not select a SIP submittal date and, under the Clean Air Act, defaults to the latest possible date -- December 1, 2011 - one year later. EPA is the greenhouse gas permitting authority in Texas. EPA issued a final Federal Implementation Plan that ensures that industries in Texas can continue to seek and obtain the valid greenhouse gas permits they need to build new facilities or expand existing ones.
Cotton Gin SIP New Mexico	EPA R6		<p><b>May 30, 2012</b> EPA plans to issue direct and final rule</p>	<b>May 30, 2012</b> EPA plans to issue direct and final rule.	Mandatory: EPA is under consent decree	EPA plans to approve a rule to address PM 2.5 emissions from cotton gins. EPA is under consent decree with WildEarth Guardians to take final action on this rule by May 30, 2012. EPA revised the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in 2006, reducing acceptable fine particulate matter (PM2.5) levels; state environmental protection agencies in states with nonattainment areas are required to draft State Implementation Plans (SIPs) detailing measures to reduce regional PM2.5 levels.

Magnablend Emergency Response	EPA R6		<b>May 31, 2012</b>	<b>May 31, 2012</b>		Completion of emergency response. Oversee emergency response including air monitoring and technical support at Magnablend site in Waxahachie, TX.
Proposed Finding of Failure to Attain One-Hour Ozone Houston, TX	EPA R6	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>May 31, 2012</b> EPA is under consent decree to sign a final notice to be published in the Federal Register determining whether Houston/Galveston/Brazoria has attained the 1 hour ozone standard by its attainment date. <b>January 2012</b> - EPA, under consent, decree proposed nonattainment. <b>December 2011</b> - EPA notified areas the agency intended to designate nonattainment for ozone <b>September 2011</b> - EPA signed a Settlement Agreement with the Sierra Club	<b>May 31, 2012</b> EPA is under consent decree to sign a final notice to be published in the Federal Register determining whether Houston/Galveston/Brazoria has attained the 1 hour ozone standard by its attainment date.	Mandatory: EPA is under consent decree	EPA plans to finalize our determination that the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria (HGB) area did not attain the one-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) by its attainment date, November 15, 2007. This determination is based on three years of complete, quality-assured and certified ambient air quality monitoring data for the period preceding the applicable attainment deadline. Houston made improvements in air quality but did not meet the one-hour standard of 124 ppb, falling just short at 125 ppb. This determination, if finalized, does not trigger additional emissions reductions. EPA now relies on the more protective 8-hour standard and the emissions reductions directed at meeting this standard.
Albuquerque Part 2 Fees Regulation SIP Revisions	EPA R6		<b>May 30, 2012</b> EPA plans to issue final approval of the Albuquerque Part 2 Fees SIP	<b>May 30, 2012</b> EPA plans to issue final approval of the Albuquerque Part 2 Fees SIP		EPA is issuing final approval of revisions that repeal and replace existing rules to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for New Mexico Albuquerque/Bernalillo County, which relate to fee requirement regulations. This action addresses Clean Air Act requirements related to fees for, in part, reviewing and acting on specific permit applications, fees to partially offset the administrative cost of permit-related administrative hearings, funding for small business stationary sources, and fees to cover administrative expenses incurred for implementation. EPA finds that these rules and revisions comply with the Clean Air Act and is approving them into the SIP.

Las Brisas Energy Center Green House Gas PSD Permit, Las Brisas, NM	EPA R6	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>May 30, 2012</b> - Propose draft permit <b>Fall 2011</b> - EPA sent a drafted GHG permit to Las Brisas for comment. <b>January 2010</b> - State approves PSD Permit	<b>July 31, 2012</b> Finalize and issue permit.	Mandatory: EPA is the permitting authority	On May 30 (Tentative), EPA is proposing the fourth greenhouse gas (GHG) Prevention of Serious Deterioration (PSD) permit in the State of Texas for Las Brisas Energy Center, a \$3 billion petroleum coke-fired power plant proposed to be built on the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor. Las Brisas was the first facility in Texas to receive an air pollution permit since new federal regulations on emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases took effect January 2, 2011. Several opponents had filed motions seeking a rehearing in front of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality after the commission approved the power plant's air pollution permit in January 2010. EPA had asked state environmental commissioners to delay approving the permit until the federal agency's concerns were addressed. The Sierra Club and Environmental Defense Fund have said they plan to sue on the State's PSD permit but have not yet. Media are following permitting issues with the facility.
MDI Superfund Site	EPA R6		<b>May 30, 2012</b>	<b>May 30, 2012</b>		Five year review report due, evaluating the effectiveness of the remedy in place at this site in Houston TX. The Draft Five-Year Review (FYR) Report is currently being routed for concurrence. The final signed report should be available for internal review within two weeks. The FYR Report is required by statute and is due by 05\03\12. The soil remedy is complete and we are currently performing "monitored natural attenuation" for the ground water according to the Record of Decision. No controversy is expected for this review.
Lonesome Trail Removal	EPA R6		<b>May 31, 2012</b> - EPA is waiting to see what the results are from this additional sampling before we make any decision on further involvement at the site by our Removal Program.	<b>May 31, 2012</b> - EPA is waiting to see what the results are from this additional sampling before we make any decision on further involvement at the site by our Removal Program.		This site is a small former chromium electroplating facility located in a residential neighborhood of Von Ormy, TX. The site is being assessed under EPA's PA/SI program. The site was unfenced and they had concerns for potential exposure of children in the neighborhood. A NRC Report was filed, and, as a result, we mobilized to the site and conducted an emergency action to mitigate the immediate threat. EPA erected a temporary fence around the property and contained approximately 200 gallons of chromium contaminated water. EPA then conducted a removal assessment in which we collected soil samples throughout the site. There were several samples which exceeded our Region 6 Screening levels for Hexavalent Chromium, however they are well below the State's TRRP levels for residential Hexavalent Chromium. TCEQ is currently planning to sample nearby residences as part of the continuing investigation.
<b>June</b>						
Louisiana Regional Haze SIP	EPA R6	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>June 13, 2012</b> EPA is under consent decree to take final action by this day. <b>February 15, 2012</b> - EPA proposes partial approval and partial disapproval of the State's Regional Haze SIP.	<b>June 13, 2012</b> EPA is under consent decree to take final action by this day.	Mandatory: EPA is under consent decree	On February 15, 2012, EPA proposed partial approval and partial disapproval of the State of Louisiana Haze SIP. EPA, pursuant to a consent decree deadline, will take final action on a limited approval of Louisiana's regional haze (RH) State Implementation Plan. EPA is simultaneously taking final action on a limited disapproval of the LA RH SIP submittal because the submittal includes several deficiencies. EPA will not take action on the items disapproved because the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has expressed its intent to revise the Louisiana RH SIP by correcting the deficiencies and meeting the requirements of the Clean Air Act and protecting public health from the damaging effects of pollutants.

Texas SIP Public Participation	EPA R6		<b>June 15, 2012</b> Place holder date until new timeline is verified. <b>January 2012</b> - State submitted revisions to disapproved elements of the State's Public Participation SIP <b>July 2010</b> - EPA disapproved Public Participation elements of the State's SIP	<b>June 15, 2012</b> EPA plans to take final action on the State's Public Participation SIP		In January, 2012, EPA received the State's submitted SIP for revisions in its New Source Review program as it pertains to public participation. EPA is currently reviewing their submittal and will propose action on the SIP in the Summer of 2012, with goal of final action on June 15, 2012.
Groundwater, Soil, and Soil Gas Sampling at the Chickasha Laundry Site, Chickasha, OK	EPA R6		<b>June 25, 2012</b>	<b>June 25, 2012</b>		We monitored installed groundwater monitoring wells, conducted soil and soil gas sampling. Field results were final 11/10/11. The next step is a second round of groundwater, soil, and soil gas sampling in conjunction with Superfund.
Sprague Road Superfund Site	EPA R6		<b>June 29, 2012</b>	<b>June 29, 2012</b>		Original Date was for the completion of a Technical Memorandum to document minor changes to the Record of Decision for this chromium contaminated ground water site in Odessa, TX. EPA has decided to write an Explanation of Significant Differences which will include the minor changes to the remedy already in place and add institutional controls to prevent exposure to contaminated groundwater.
Imperial Refining Company Determination, Ardmore OK	EPA R6		<b>June 29, 2012</b>	<b>June 29, 2012</b>		Complete all activities related to erosion control and revegetation prior to ODEQ assuming responsibility for future maintenance of former refinery in Ardmore OK.
Albuquerque Regional Haze and Visibility Transport SIP Proposal	EPA R6		<b>June 31, 2012</b> EPA plans to take final action <b>April 16, 2012</b> - EPA proposed approval on April 16	<b>June 31, 2012</b> EPA plans to take final action	Mandatory: EPA is under consent decree	On April 16, EPA will propose approval of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County SIP for Regional Haze and Visibility Transport. This is a separate action from the New Mexico Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP). This action will be proposed and finalized alongside our New Mexico Regional Haze and Visibility Transport SIP action. This action will not likely have much media or congressional interest, but it may gather some attention due to our simultaneous review of the NM Haze SIP.
<b>Beyond June</b>						



Propose Reissuance of Texas Coastal Oil & Gas NPDES General Permit	EPA R6		<b>July 31, 2012</b> Permit finalized April 11-12, 2012 EPA hosted a public meeting and public hearing in Houston, TX and in New Orleans, LA. <b>March 2012</b> EPA completed and published permit proposal in FR	<b>July 31, 2012</b> Permit finalized	Discretionary	EPA is planning to reissue the Texas Coastal Oil & Gas NPDES General Permit for the state of Texas. EPA published the permit proposal in the FR on March 30. There will be a 45 day public comment period. Overall, EPA does not expect heightened attention to the reissuance of this permit due to the small number of companies this permit affects. In regards to industry specific attention, new dischargers should react positively in that they are eager to have general permits reissued on time. New water quality standards will be required in the permit for certain impaired coastal segments. EPA expects some negative attention due to these changes, however, the overall universe of impacted companies is very small. The renewal features several improvements over the previous permit which will increase transparency and accuracy of reporting. These include reporting once per quarter instead of once per year, requiring both lease holder or facility owner and daily operator to be covered under the permit, making reporting data available to the public in a national database, and requiring permittees to report the contents of produced water and drilling fluid. The current permit will expire on September 30, 2012.
Oklahoma Conference of Black Mayors	EPA R6		<b>July 21, 2012</b>	<b>July 21, 2012</b>		EPA Regional Administrator Al Armendariz will be the keynote speaker at the OK Conference of Black Mayors in Oklahoma City, OK. Mayor Murrell of Arcadia, Mayor Ware of Spencer, and Governor Fallin will also be speaking at the conference.
Treatment as a State for the Clean Air Act by the Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma	EPA R6		<b>July 31, 2012</b>	<b>July 31, 2012</b>		The Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma submitted an application for Treatment as a State for the Clean Air Act Section 105, 42 U.S.C. Section 7405; Section 505(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(a)(2) and Section 126 authorization. In review by the Office of General Counsel.
Sheppard AFB Renewable Energy Feasibility Study	EPA R6		<b>August 30, 2012</b>	<b>August 30, 2012</b>		Detailed work plan to conduct a renewable energy feasibility study at Sheppard Air Force Base to look at solar and waste to energy options.

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